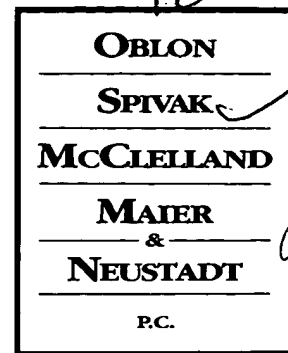




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Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/Marked-Up Copy (17 pp.)
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown on the attached marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 14-18, as follows:

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--This reaction may be performed by using separate enzymes. Such enzymes may be in free or immobilised form, be contained within a cell fraction or extract or be enclosed inside of a microorganism (US 60/157427).--